IT'S A WAY THE MEXICANS HAVE.

THE STORY ABOUT THE CLERICAL UPRISING A SORT OF APRIL FOOL STORY.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Senor Romero, the Mexican inister to this country, said to an Associated Press porier to-night that he did not believe any such ocnces had taken place in the City of Mexico as ere stated to have happened in a dispatch from so, Texas, purporting to give an account of a great clerical uprising in the Mexican capital. Senor ero said that if anything of such magnitude had taken place information would have been received by e by way of Galveston, and not from such a place "Besides," he said, "I have official dis-El Paso.

patches by cable up to last Friday evening, and they don't say a word about it. If any such thing had happened they would have said something about it, especially if it had had such an ending as is given in the published dispatch."

The Minister added that it was a Mexican custom for every one on the 28th of December to tell the biggest yarns he could think of and then laugh at those who believed them. It was a sort of an American April Fool's day, and he thought that perhaps the yublished story had such an origin.

QUESTS IN NUMBERS AT TUXEDO PARK. Tuxedo Park, Dec. 30 (Special).—Tuxedo proves a mecca to which hosts of people have resorted in view of the festivities arranged for the New Year and to rato some respite from the duties of fashionable life in town. The weather continues so delightful that the club-house is almost described, save at the luncheon or dinner hours. The day has been spent in churchgoing, skating and driving. There is skating on both lakes, and a number have attempted fee-boating with success. There seems a determination on the part of all to give the New Year a rousing welcome, and dancing will be kept up to a late hour to-morrow night. Mayor Hewitt is here with his family. though his country place at Ringwood is near by, it has not been opened for the holidays since the completion of the Tuxedo Club-house, which affords him every opportunity for entertaining his guests and family without any anxiety. The pigeon shoot of yesterday was one of the best on the club's record. A number of crack shots entered for all the prizes. Three handsome cups were won by Walter Breeze The winner shot fifty out of fifty-five birds. Among the people at the club-house are Victor Sore han, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Andrews, Mrs. Edgar Saltus, J. Ridgeway Modre, John G. Hechscher, Alfred Denairo, E. A. Schweder, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cryder, Mr. and Mrs. John Mott, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cryder, Mr. and Mrs. John Mott, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clarkson, Delaney Floyd-Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hewitt, Miss Post, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Davis, Miss Endicott, Truxton Houston, George Morrison, ir. Charles King Morrison, James W. Gerard, Jr., Herbert T. King, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cary, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Lord, Mrs. Frank White, Wendell Goodwin, De Lancey Nicoll, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Burnham, J. P. Kingsford, F. Y. Senga, and Mrs. T. B. Scarter, U. S. N.; H. C. Tevis, of San Francisco! F. W. Sharon, Henry P. Case, Antino De Navarro, Mr. and Mrs. Gooper Hewitt, Miss Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Scott, the Misses Scott, H. Deforest Weeks, the Misses Hewitt, Frank Henry, W. K. B. Emerson, Robert Potter, Stanley Mortimer, Pabert Hargous, Philip M. Lidig, Mr. and Mrs. Ely Goddard, T. B. Baldwin, Charles A. Munn, Edward Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Elpley, James Kernochan, Jr., and Frank Foster. Moore, John G. Heckscher, Alfred Denarro, E. A.

THEATRICAL NOTES AND GOSSIP.

At the Academy of Music last night, Lew Dock-stader and his minstreis, with their faces washed, said good-by to New-York for one week. It took the company about three hours to shake hands, fig-uratively, with the pepie who went to see them off, for the big theatre was packed until the lobbies greaned, and the programme was necessarily length ened by frequent recalls of favorites. The play-bill said not's word about "sacred concert." The performance was called a Sunday night concert, and the audience evidently found a high degree of satisfaction in it, for hundreds stood during the entire evening Jules Levy's cornet was particularly sweet, and Its appearance near the end of the programme was

well-timed, for it tended to subdue the hilarity that had been raised by the irresistible Lew and his partner in his, Sweatoam.

Manager McCormiek, of the Broadway Theatre, sent over to the Casino on Saturday to borrow kitt-dolph Aronson's "Standing Room Cuiy" sign. That is the kind of matinee audience "Little Lord Faunt-

is the land of manner than the leroy, attracted,
Business Manager Fort, of Ford's Opera House, in
Baltimore, and Albaugh's, in Washington, was in
New-York resterday, denying the report that H. R.
Jacobs, of this city, had purchased Ford's.
Manager A. M. Paimer entertained Edwin Booth
and Lawrence Barrett at an informal dinner last
high. This is the last week of the two tragedians at

first stages of delirium he attacked and knocked down one of his attendants is denied as an exaggeration. He took a dislike to one of the attendants and directed that the man should be removed.

CELEBRATING ST. STEPHEN'S DAY. Although the day after Christmas was St. Stephen's Day, the celebration of the festival in the Roman Catholic Church of that name, of which the Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn was the former paster, was deferred until yesterday. The solemn high mass was offered up at 11 o'clock by the rector, the Rev. Charles H. Colton. ssisted by three other priests and a large number of altar boys. There was an unusually large congrega-The sermon was preached by the Rev. James A. Doonan, S. J. The grand mass by Francis G. Dossett, given for the first time during the service on Christmas Day, was repeated with full orchestra under the direction of Francis Van der Stucien. A special collection was taken up at all the masses for the liquidation of the church debt. tion, many having to be content with standing room.

SEATS FOR "ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA." The sale of seats for "Antony and Cleopatra" at Palmer's Theatre begins at 9 o'clock next Thursday.

EUSSELL HARRISON STARTS FOR HOME. Russell Harrison started last evening on his return trip to Indianapolis, having completed the business which called him to this city, and which, it is be-lieved, was almost wholly of a private character.

NEW PLAYS FOR MINNIE PALMER. Chicago, Dec. 30.-Minnie Paimer to-day closed negotiations with Heinrich Conreid for the right to produce in America the German successes of Madame Geistinger. The first of these in which Miss Palmer will appear is "Three Pair of Shoes," which will be given in New-York during or before April.

SECRETARY ENDICOTT LEAVES TOWN. Secretary Endisott, who arrived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel on Saturday, left here for Washington on the "Congressiona." train yestarday afternoon. Before leaving town the Secretary of War visited General Sherman at his home and had an extended interview with the retired General of the Army, for the purpose, it is said, of obtaining his opinions regarding War Department in which the General is so capable of giving

SUFFERING THE PANGS OF DEFEAT. From The New-York Sun (Dem.).

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We give here three passages from a letter written by one of the candidates for and against whom the (recent) enormous contest (for the Presidency) was waged. It was addressed to an assembly made up of his supporters only:

"I know, too, that it would be profitable and advantageous to be even for a brief period within the inspiring influence of the atmosphere surrounding patriotic and unselfish men, banded together in the interests of their fellow-countrymen and devoted to the work of tariff reform."

"So long as they, in a spirit of true pairfoilism, are consecrated to the services of their country, temporary defeat brings no discouragement. It but proves the stubbourness of the forces of combined selfishness," etc.

marks out with clearer definition the author's own rating of himself as a public man, the dimensions of his intelligence, the character of his patriotism and the nature of his Democratic instinct, not only as a defeated candidate, but as an American citizen. We confess to a sense of revolt against any such aspersion of any half of the American people.

CHILD PLAYERS AT PLAY.

THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE AND ENTER-

TAINMENT AT CLARENDON HALL. head to the celling, and on every one of its branches and offering in return such liberal reward. of the hearts beating in expectancy.

TO MOVE JOSS INTO NEW QUARTERS. Tom Lee, the sheriff of Chinatown, announced on Wednesday that the new joss-house would be finished in exactly thirteen days, and then the gods and all ther sacred and valuable objects in the old jossiouse will be removed to the new joss-house at No 16 Mott-st. The news was spread abroad and a glow of happiness spread over Chinatown which found expression in "setting up" opium parties and in making plans for the great day. This good news rescued the town from the torpid state in which the Christmas cele ration had left it, and the industrious carpenters at work in the new temple were overrun with visitors. Three or four of them were there, all wearing will blouses, carving decorations out of solid planks. The carving is beautiful. Twenty carved planks will form the decorations around the altar, which is in a recess in the back part of the room. Joss and all his tinsel accompaniments will squat on the alia and sniff the incense from joss-sticks, which will b burned on a gaudy altar in front. The recess i painted a dark-red and the rest of the room is to b ouched-up in harmonious and gaudy tones. Chair imported from China will hold honored guests, and a fat mandarin will have a scat of honor opposite the

The entire building on Wednesday received its lascoat of paint, and when Tom Lee was asked how muc are temple would cost he said, ragaciously, that he could wait until all the bills were in before he newered that question. "You fix the news for the gray!" asked one of the carpenters. The reporter splied that he would and intimated that the pression and transfer of the gods would cause a greater amount of the Chatham Square than "Pat" Divver's picn.c. \$10,000 has been raised for the temple.

GOWNS FOR DEFECTIVE FIGURES.

A young rist from Colorado, who has been strings the HIM Avenue Theater at all minimal dimber last light. This is the Colorado, who has been strings the HIM Avenue Theater at the HIM Avenue Theater and the two controls to the colorado, which takes place on Thursday afternoon at Pulmer's Theater. It will include Mrs. Potter and Mr. Bellew in the Dalcony Scene from 'Romeo and Julier'. One Touch of Nature' by members of A. M. Palmer's Company, including J. H. Sieddart, Lous Masson, Walter Dalmer, and the Avenue the Hills of the "The Colorado, ward, and Miles Bury coupany will play the fourth act of the "Two Orphans," with F. F. Macalon, Charles ward, and Miles Bury coupany will play the fourth act of the "Two Orphans," with F. F. Macalon, Charles ward, and Miles Bury coupany will play the fourth act of the "Two Orphans," with F. F. Macalon, Charles and Allen will give their sketch control of "shipperceked Sallors," I stated Uraphart, and heavy as Perry, a part which he payed frequently as the Union Square Pharter. Listed Traphart, and heavy as Perry, a part which he payed frequently as the Union Square Pharter. Listed Traphart, and heavy as Perry, a part which he payed frequently as the Christ and Allen will give their sketch control of "shipperceked Sallors," Harry Edwards will furnish a rectation, and Marshall P. Wilder one of his character in the Christ and Christ From The Philadelphia Times. A young girl from Colorado, who has been strug-

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Washington Gossip in The Beston Traveller.

I had an interesting that with a colored woman who was a slave in Maryland just previous to the assassination of Lincoln. Speaking of that tragedy, she said: "I din't see Booth when he came to Dr. Mudd's, but I saw his boots and razor. The boots were long ones, and must have reached to his hips. You know that Booth was captured in Mudd's barn, which was burned to the ground. The soldiers came down there with a rush, and were going right by when a little boy, not more than five years old, told them that there was a man in the barn. He was betrayed by that little boy."

DISASTEES TO RIVER STEAMERS.

From The Cincinnati Enquirer.

The case of the Kate Adams should force upon the attention of this country the solemn fact that more lives are annually lost by disaster to our river steamers than in all the vast passenger traffic to and fro on the Atlantic. The shores of that occan are 3,000 miles apart and our rivers are rarely so broad as one mile, yet the latter are the more failed of the two. Perhaps in this country there is so much energy expended in protecting its industries that human life is lost sight of. From The Cincinnati Enquirer.

INSURANCE COMPANIES LIKE IT.

From The Plitsburg Chronicle.

The number of alarms of fire sent in this month thus far have been about forty less than for December of last year. In fact, for the past three months the alarms were only about half as numerous as during the corresponding months hast year. Chief Evans, of the Fire Department, in speaking of this circumstance to day said:

The decrease is caused entirely by the weather. There has been no cold weather this year, and consequently the fires in the dwellings and stores are not nearly so hot. The colder winter we have, the more fires we have. From The Pittsburg Chronicle.

OBERLY WANTS TO GET BACK.

Washington chat in The Chicago News,

From all I have heard the Hon, John H. Oberly is not happy. He was very well satished with his position as Civil Service Commissioner, for the duties there were to his teste, but after Congress enlarged the authority and increased the functions of the Superintendent of Indian Schools, a position he filled during the first year of Cleveland's administration, he was anxious to return to that office and carry out some theories he has with regard to Indian education. But the President appointed him to the Commissionership of Indian Affairs, a place he did not want, the duties of which are distasteful to him, and he has been very uncomfortably ever since. Secretary Vilas, who is his superior officer, is arbitrary and dictatorial, and Mr. Oberly has discovered that he is no more than a clerk. He says nothing, but his disappointment shows lisself in his face. It is now said that the President intends to put Oberly back on the Civil Service Commission, and I think he will be very glad to go there. OBERLY WANTS TO GET BACK.

MR. LODGE FRIENDLY TO MR. REED. ashington dispatch to The Boston Advertiser.

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"They themselves shall regain and restore the patrinoiny of their countrymen, freed from the trospass of grasping encroachment and safely secured by the senius of American justice and equatility."

The sole conclusion which follows, as a matter of course, from a perusal of these extraordinary state ments, is that the five and a half millions of people who voted in opposition to the writer were both unpatriotic and selfish. Whatever other purpose they united for on that occasion, it was not in the Interests of their fellow-countrymen, but against them.

Nothing has been effered to the public which

POPULAR OBSERVATIONS.

A TEACHER DEFENDS HIS GUILD. HE THINKS THE STANDARD OF ABILITY SHOWN BY EXAMINATIONS DECIDEDLY HIGH.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: In "The Tribune" recently there appeared an article entitled "The Finishing Process." The subject of school examinations seemed to have inspired the Many hundred happy faces were to be seen in article, and I find the following statement: "There is Clarendon Hall last night, when Mrs. Tony Pastor, the same mechanical system of teaching, which takes Aunt" Louisa Eldridge and a committee of ladies all heart out of the pupil's work and checks the growth gave the annual Santa Clans Festival to the juvenile of any real ardor for knowledge." This is written. of any real ardor for knowledge. This is writtentoilers of the stage. The large room in which the
entertainment was given proved wholly inadequate
to accommodate the professional people of all grades
and ages that flocked to the popular holiday celebration, and some discomfort was the result. The
latter mustered in great force, and indeed may be
learning! This, too, when the great inducements are ladies mustered in great force, and indeed may be so many in the other direction. No other country said to have formed the audience. In one corner of has within its borders a vast territory springing up hall a huge Christmas tree reached its lofty and demanding the best blood and talent of the age hung a dainty gift destined to gladden one or other vast and increasing crowd that every autumn seeks entrance at our colleges and universities seems to The proceedings of the evening opened with a indicate that not quite all of the love of study or "real miscellaneous entertainment given by va-rious more or less well-known professional tion or a mechanical system. College requirements children, including Tommy Russell, little Pettie Dunn, are raised every year, until now as much is required whose graceful dance was much applauded. Ida at entrance as many of Yale's and Harvard's old-time Bell Travis, Dot Clarendon, Elma Brown and Ilma graduates could muster. Not only do the under Pratt, all of whom came in for well-deserved appliause.

Act III of "Midsummer Night's Dream" formed the here, if I mistake not, than in any other country.. A in the representation including Charles A. Machay.

E. J. Heckler, Dottle Draubridge, Apple Rockey, Lattice. the representation including charles A Machay.

E. J. Heckler, Dottic Draubridge, Annie Boylan, Isliic Heckler, Fannie Case and little Edith Widmer. After the entertainment came a supper for the little ones who had countributed to the amusement of the visitors, and who justly had their pick of the good things on the Christmas tree.

In behalf of American teachers I claim that our

who justly had their pick of the good things on the Christmas tree.

The distribution of gifts which followed caused the customary pleasant ripple of excitement amongst the youngsters. "Aunt" Louisa Eldridge presided over this ceremony like a modern fairy Godmother, and when the tree had been stripped of all its glories the children went to their homes with hearts lightened by the influence of Eindly deeds. Later a ball was given in the upper hall, at which were present many prominent members of the dramatic profession.

Among the crowd of actors and actresses who were present and whose purses contributed moderately to the expenses of the celebration were Miss Gusse de Forrest, Miss Katherine Kidler, Miss Clara Fisher, Mrs. Sol Smith, Miss Katherine Kidler, Miss Butler, Miss Georgie Cayvan, Mademoiselle Ponisi, Miss Lily Eldridge and Miss Fijou Fernandez. In addition to these nearly every manager and theatrical company now in New-York has given substantial support to the good work.

To the Edditor of The Tribune.

Sir: In your report of the Christmas festivities the Elverside Rest Association, you involuntarily did the association an injustice in stating that it was nearly self-supporting. While the ambition of the managers is to make it self-supporting in time, it is far from that now, and funds are urgently needed to carry on the work.

HENRY HOUSTON BONNELL.

New-York, Dec. 28, 1888.

THEY PROBABLY DON'T KNOW. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I enclose herewith a clipping from "The secutish People," a journal of wide circulation in It is simply immense, and how more mis cotland. nformation could be given in the same space passes mprehension. Do the British papers know any thing of American affairs, or do they purposely

President Grover Cleveland's flout to Great Britain President Grover Cleveland's flout to Great Hritain in the Sackville business has, after all, borne him little fruit, for he has been disastrously "chawed up" by General Harrison, the Republican, who will ruide the destines of the United States for the next hiree years. This looks like more protection and the freezing out" of Canada by prohibitory import rates; and it will require all the prescience of our statesmen o guard the interests of the Dominion and prevent is ultimate absorption into the republic, the very hing the Yankees desire to bring about by fair neans or foul.

T. H. HISERODT.

Millerton, N. Y., Dec. 20, 1888.

SLANDERING WARNER MILLER. o the Editor of The Iribune.

Sir: The last issue of "The Union Signal," the organ of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and champion of the Prohibition party, devotes a half olumn to a mean attack on Warner Miller's honesty, sincerity and religion. The right and consistency of 'The Signal" and the Prohibition demagogues to desire

my judgment) now is, that the original scheme a proposed by the engineers contemplated the building of this dam, and to recede now would not only be to confess defeat, but to force the acknowledgment that the present Aqueduct would require extensive alteration from the original plan to adapt its use to a series of smaller reservoirs. "This is the rub," and it is a question which should be seriously considered, let the fault, if any, fall where it will.

New-York, Dec. 9, 1888.

CIVIL SERVICE AND COMMON SENSE.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The reason for a Civil Service of highest valu is to have an honest, efficient and patriotic adminis tration of the business affairs in the Nation. And next to relieve the President of the power and labor of appointing and removing mere executive or business

The patronage of the governing party is already too great, and grows daily greater. There are men who make their only bread from politics, and have be ome simply a banditti in aims and methods.

This vast patronage—in the hands of the Chief Ex cutive and controlled by one party-is not only destructive of effective service, but dangerous to the life of the Republic. The attempts at "Civil Service reform" have utterly falled, because the methods are ntirely impracticable.

The true reform is in placing the appointing power, . The true retorm is in placing to appear to the by a change in the Federal Constitution, in some other hands than the President's. Suggestions: Let the Senate of the United States choose a "Board of Appointment and Dismissal" for all non-political offices. Let the Senators of the two largest parties choose this Board—each party choosing half of the Board. Let the Board have the same tenure of office as

the Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union, and be in perpetual session. Let the Board vote in mass, and a majority determine the qualifications of each applicant for office, appoint and dismiss for cause. So soon as this Board is ready for work (the law havng determined what classes are non-political) it shall make a list of all the officers in the classes named, with their several political connections. Then they shall appoint, as soon as a vacancy occurs, from the party then having a minority of the office-holders, till the numbers are practically equal. Then when a vacancy occurs it shall be so filled as to keep up the equality And the same principles shall govern in the hereafter to be created. This seems to me to be sure reform and remedy for all the ills complain

sure reform and remedy for all the its complained of now.

We would have in the political classes men in sympathy with the President, by his power of choice and removal—the autocratic power of the majority with all its efficiency and responsibility—whist t is class would be so small, as to come and go without the quadrannul chaos of Presidential elections. And this would destroy the hummers, deadbeats, bondlers, and general banditti, as arsenic would clear out a house intested with rats.

Then make the Presidency limited to one term of six years, and the "Civil Service reform" is "here to stay."

Whitehall, Ky., Dec. 22, 1888. Whitehall, Ky., Dec. 22, 1888.

NOT AN OCTOGENARIAN VET.

To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: Will you do me the favor to correct an error
in the fourteen-line gratuitous marriage notice which on kindly gave me in your issue of Thursday? The error which I would have you correct is as to my age. I was born in the highly respectable old town of salem, Mass., according to the record in a strictly puritan family Bible, A. D. 1820, and should, therefore, I remember my "Daboll," be now sixty eight years Not that I have the vanity to suppose for a moment that the public cares a button about my age, any more than it cares about my views as to the the popular novel out of his pocket, sat down and "Resolutions of ninety-eight," but I think I am right bogan to read with avidity. Anther case is described

in claiming that no young fellow of sixty-eight would from choice be held up before the public as an octoge-narian. To be eighty is of course highly respectable, and most all well-to-do and well-preserved men wish to reach four-score; but no man, I assume, wants to be thrust into it before his time.

JOHN W. MASURY.

Thomasville, Ga., Dec. 23, 1888.

NO DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC AT ISLIP. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The Board of Health at the town of Islip au thorizes the statement that there is no epidemic of diphtheria in this place. There have been but very few cases, the only one now being convalescent. The public schools were not closed.

SILAS R. COSWITH, M. D.,

Health Officer, Town of Filip.

Islip, L. I., Dec. 28, 1888.

GLANCES HERE AND THERE.

Mrs. Langtry is a hard worker and sometimes gets tired. She is also a woman of surprises. The mem bers of her company are always prepared for some thing extraordinary. They never know what she is going to do next. On Saturday evening she surprised not only her company and the audience at the Lee Avenue Academy of Music, in Williamsburg, but herself as well. The bill for that night was " Pyg malion and Galatea." The performance was to begin at 8 o'clock. After the matinee, which was over by 4.30, Mrs. Langtry entered her coupe and was driven to her home in West Twenty-third st. It was a whim, of course, but the Lily fancted that it would be novel and nice to hurry home as fast as her horses could travel, dine in delicious comfort at her own table, and hasten back to Williamsburg in time for the evening performance. After dinner a cosey rocking chair beside the drawing room fire tempted her to sit down. was very tired. One graceful nod followed another. the actress's fair cheek caromed lovingly agains the velvet cushions, and in a few brief moments she

The Academy was packed. Eight o'clock came and vanished. The curtain did not move. At 8:11 there was a stir in the audience, but still the curtan rose not. At 8:30 soft whisperings the curtan rose not. became audible murmurings of uneasiness and dis-A few persons arose and started out. content. Ushers were appealed to in vain. Rehind the scenes all was animation and commotion. The company was in costume, ready to shine, but the "star," o where was she? Ask of the-but hush! watches of the men in the audience said 8:45. The stage bell jingled, the curtain rose solemnly and the play proceeded. Mrs. Langtry was calm and col-Her coupe stood at the stage-door as if nothing had happened, but the horses were white with their own lather. They had made the hardest lourney of their lives, and are not likely soon t

Next to Minister Preston, perhaps, the most impatient person waiting for the steamship Prioz Maurite to swing into her dock on Saturday was little General Contreras, an editor of one of the publications at Port au Prince, one of President Legitime's chief deutenants, and who, rumor says, is to fill the position of Haytian Consul-General made vacant by the recen suspension of E. D. Bassett. General Contreras stood on the pier waving his hand, throwing kisses, and smilling to a little blonde woman, about twenty-three years old, who stood in the cabin doorway of the steamship. This was Mme. Contreras, who had not seen her husband since he left Port au Prince three months ago, commissioned by Legitime to buy muniions of war here and forward them to Port au Prince. If others envied the little General when he ran up th gangplank and clasped his wife in a fond embrace and rained kisses upon both of her cheeks, it was because they admired beauty. Mme. Contreras is a small. slender but symmetrically formed lady, graceful in manner, vivacious and sprightly in movement, and with large, expressive blue eyes. To add to her at-tractiveness she wore a jaunty, broad-brimmed hat, with a veil drawn over her face and carelessly tied under the chin.

Another of the passengers on the Prinz Mauritz was Count H. D' Elva, who salled a few hours later for France, on the steamship La Champagne. The Count was not a stranger in New-York. When here five years ago he was spoken of as the "Black Prince," but his fascination for Lillian Russell made him most prominent. He had a box every night at the theatre where Miss Russell appeared in "La Princesse de Trebizonde," and he was so charmed with her acting that he proposed marriage and presented her with handsome diamond jewelry. Then she ran off with Mr. Solomon.

On Saturday Minister Preston said that he would go to Boston to-day to give attention to some matters con-nected with the Haytian Consulate there, and that he would go to Washington later in the week. would seem to settle the question as to whether he would attend President Cleveland's New Year's reception and dinner to the Diplomatic Corps. As the diplomatic representative of the little black Republic of Hayti, Mininter Preston is the dean of the entire corps of foreign representatives in Washington, and would lead the procession before the President if he should be in Washington. Minister Preston will not admit that his absence from Washington to-morro will be voluntary, or that it has anything to do with the report that President Cleveland treated the Legi ime Government with almost contempt when he or dered Secretary Bayard not to make a thorough Inves tigation of the circumstances attending the seizure of the steamship Haytien Republic, but to demand her surrender forthwith.

A man who got on a Broadway car the other day handed the conductor his fare on the rear platform as he passed through the door. "That saves me a few steps," said the conductor. "I wonder if people realize how many steps we take a day. Would you believe me if I told you that I never fail to walk fully two miles a day up and down in this car? It doesn' seem possible, does it. But just think for a moment. A car is about fifteen feet long. When I walk from the rear platform through the car, turn and come back, I go over thirty-five feet, counting the turn. I have watched myself often on trips and find that on an average I go as far as the centre of the car and back, about twenty feet, fifty times on a round trip. There you have 1,000 feet a trip, and eight trips a day make 8,000 feet. Every time any one gets on or off a car we help him on, take a step for ward and backward. When a woman gets on we fre-quently follow her part way through the door, so you see we easily walk two miles a day while on duty. It is the most tiresome kind of walking, too, a sort of a cramped shuffle half the time. Conductors are hard on shoes for this reason."

The groups of men who are always to be seen standing around the water-fronts are something of a study. Some of these do not break up for hours. There is a little party of three or four which may be noticed on any afternoon at William and South sts. Two men are always scated on the curbston sflent and attentive, while one or two more stand by their sides, interested spectators. The cause of the afternoon gathering is a game of checkers. One of the flat paving stones next to the curbing has been carefully marked off with red and black paint so as to form a checker-board, while flat stones, bits of wood, etc., are used for checkers. There i a good opportunity here on any afternoon for an amateur photographer to "catch" an interesting s'udy. The thoughtful looks on the rough and sun-burned faces, the checked jumpers and the air of the whole group are striking and novel.

Congressman Pidcock, of New-Jersey, now that his political sun is about to suffer an eclipse, is turning his attention to his varied business interests, about the chief of which is dairy-farming. In fact, the Congressman's cows are about the heaviest contributors to the lacteal flood that pours daily into this city between the hours of 1 and 4 a. m. Mr. Pidcock owns several dairy farms in New-Jersey, and during his career in Congress they have been managed by his sons, who are well-known figures on the downtown mercantile exchanges. Nor are his dairy farms the only frons the busy Congressman has in the fire, for in addition to supplying New-York City with milk and the west side of New-Jersey with undiluted Democratic states manship, he runs one or two cotton plantations in

One of the speakers at the dinner of Claverack alumni and alumnae the other night said that was at Claverack thirty-two years ago, and that he remembered the occasion when the first postage. the sensation it produced. There was some doubt as to the efficacy of the new method of paying postage, and the user of the stamp wrote under-neath it on the letter: "Paid, if the blamed thing sticks." It probably is not generally known that the first postage-stamp in the world was not issued until so recently as 1847.

The popularity of "Robert Elsmere" is evinced in many ways; in none, perhaps, more strikingly than in the fact that it is read eagerly by all classes of people. In an clevated train the other night a young man, poorly but neatly dressed, came in after midnight, and picking out a seat where there was a good light, took a paper-cevered edition of

by a lady who had occasion a few days ago to go from Flatbush to Brooklyn in a Franklin-ave. car. she was the only passenger until the car had passed the hill along which the Eastern Boulevard runs, and says that the conductor, soon after the car left the park, lifted the cushion of the seat and carefully took out from one corner a well-preserved copy of one of the cheap editions of "Robert Elsmere" and devoted himself to reading it until the stables at Warren-st, had nearly been reached. Then he put the book away, handling it as if it were a cherished treasure, and taking the utmost pains to see that the corners of the cover did not get wrinkled in the process of depositing it in its resting-place. Of course he was disobeying the rules of the company, but if his offence is discovered his passenger on that occasion is sure that he ought to be let off lightly.

DISTRIBUTING THE HONESTY FUND.

OBTAINING THEIR REWARDS FOR DETECTION OF ILLEGAL REGISTRATION.

One of the interesting incidents of the last Presidential campaign was the "honesty fund." Early in October, just before the registration of voters began, the Republican newspapers contained the following announcement:

\$25,000 Twenty-five thousand dollars reward.
Twenty-five thousand dollars has been deposited in the Garfield National Bank, as a reward for information which shall result in the arrest and conviction of persons guilty of falsely and illegally registering, in the citles of New-York and Brooklyn, in violation of the election laws. This money will be paid upon the joint order of the understand committee in the following sums:

CORNELIUS N. BLISS, ELIHU ROOT. DANIEL G. ROLLINS.

Garfield National Bank, corner 6th-ave, and 234-st.

New-York, October 6, 1888.

I hereby certify that the sum of \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) has been deposited in this bank, to be paid on the order of the above named committee.

A. C. CHENEY, President.

The affairs of the "honesty fund" have just been

settled up, and at a meeting held on Saturday the re-wards were distributed to those who had been instrumental in detecting and punishing cases of false registration. Only ten convictions for fulse registration were brought before the committee, including both New-York and Brooklyn. There were only twelve claimants for rewards. Two were disallowed and ten were approved, and rewards were allowed from the fund in these ten cases. This involves an expenditure of only \$5,250, or not much over one-fifth of the fund. The winner of the first prize, \$2,000, was John Broderick, of No. 149 Madison-st. He was a Republican inspector of election in the Fifth Election District of the IVth Assembly District, and secured the conviction for illegal regisration of George Gordon, who said he lived at No. 142 Madison-st. On the following day Broderick received his \$2,000.

The second reward of \$1,000 will go to Patrick Callahan, also an election inspector of the Nineteenth Election District of the Hd Assembly District, living at No. 39 Mott-st., for information resulting in the arrest and conviction of James M. Starr, a "tramp colonist." The third reward, \$500, will be given to Patrolman Samuel J. Campbell, of the Twenty-fifth Police Precinct, for information resulting in the ar rest and conviction of Samuel Ray. The next reward s divided between William Dunbar and Patrick D Carter, policemen in the Fourth Precinct. They detected Joseph Lochner in giving a false address James Low, of No. 177 Christic-st., will receive \$250. He detected Oscar Nephew in faisely registering. J. E. Muhling, of No. 101 South Fifth-ave., a real estate broker, caught Patrick J. Murphy trying to register illegally. Murphy got two years and six menths and Muhling will get \$250.

Cornellus J. Heifernan and Nathaniel J. Kelly, laboring men, who live at No. 1 Peck Slip, will divide Year's gift of \$250. They gave evidence which resulted in the arrest and conviction of Richard W. Over for falsely registering, Joseph McCaffrey, of No. | Spring, 149 Chauncey-st., Brooklyn, will receive \$250 for aiding in the arrest and conviction of William W. Lund. McCaffrey will also get another \$250 for causing the arrest of Romer Bost, another Higgal voter. Frederick Cocheu, of No. 210 South Fourth-st., Williamsburg, will get \$250 for detecting William Donlea in attempting to register unlawfully.

THEY WANT TO BE POLICEMEN.

WHAT MEN HAVE TO GO THROUGH BEFORE THEY ARE PUT INTO CITY UNIFORMS.

Ninety stalwart young men who want to be policemen' presented themselves on Wednesday before the Civil service Muricipal Board in Cooper Union to take the physical examination which all candidates for the force must undergo. They were divided into three squads, and the first division was examined on Wednesday, the second being assigned for an examination Thursday and the third Friday. The first thirty men thought that they were lucky until they went into the little gymnasium which adjoins the room of Lee Phillips, secretary of the Board. Inspector Byrnes, Chief Bonner, of the Fire Department, Proof Dr. Dudley A. Sargent, of Harvard University, and Mr. Phillips were all there surrounded by instrumen that looked like business. The names of the candi-dates were entered in a formidable-looking book of tatistics and then the men were in turn stripped. First every man was measured to get his height, size of neck, width of shoulders, girth of chest, cirsumference of thighs, calves, toes, biceps and forearms. Next the candidates had to put up a big dumb bell until they were tired, then grab a dynamometer and squeeze it to show their grip. A mattress was stretched out and the men had to lie down and put ip a twenty-five-pound dumbbell to see how long they could do it. Then they had to jump to show their agility, and next "pull themselves up to their chin" to show that they were not tired, and then a see-how-much-you-can-blow machine" was brought

"see-how-much-you-can-blow machine" was brought out, and the pulling, sweating candidates blow for all they were worth.

Dr. Brown applied a stethoscope to test the hearts of the panting men, and finally they were told that if they wanted to be policemen they would have to pass a mental examination. If they succeeded in passing both examinations they would be put on the eligible list where others are waiting for vacancles, which don't often occur. At the end of these exercises the would-be policemen departed wondering after all whether their "lots would be happy ones."

From The Philadelphia Times.

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The latest arrival is an Egyptian harpiste, or a Moorish queen, according to taste. She is a little body, only two feet tall and automatic, but she knows more than some people twice her height and alive. She is elegantly dressd in Oriental finery, When she is wound up she plays a harp with great skill and accompanies the exercise with appropriate expression and exclusive.

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A handsome, dark-skinned troubadour came over with the harpiste. He is just as accomplihed as his companion. When he is started and begins to strum his guitar his eyes roll in ecstacy. Just before he runs down, he is overcome with emotion. His hand goes up to his eyes and his tongue rolls out of his quivering mouth.

A figure no less noteworthy and no less talented is a little blonde Parisian lady dressed with all the latest art. She is wound up by turning a key in her bustle. Then she turns her head gracefully, rolls her eyes coquettishly, puts up her exeglasses, fans her self with the air of a beile and fiftrix with everybody about her. A little French waitress with a magic teanot completes this quartet of toy wonders. When inspired by a few turns of a brass key she pours tea into the enchanted pot. Then the lid of the pot raises and birds, frogs, mice and other charming creatures jump out. A blue doll' as big as a real girl, is another of the new contributions of the French toy-makers. She throws kisses and dances before a looking glass for half an hour at a time.

HOGMANAY, A FAVORITE SCOTCH HOLIDAY

From The Springfield Union.

Monday will be a merry day in the land of the heather, for in Scotland they value the last day of the old year far more than any other. A small proportion of the Scotch, those who have got an English clucation and want to impose English ways upon their country, mea are trying hard to establish Christmas day as the one day of rejoicing throughout the year, but the attempt is a failure. The great mass of the Scotch prefer the old national holiday, December 31, and lovingly call it "Hogmanay."

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MARRIED. LATIMER-NOBLE-On Taureday evening, December 27, at the residence of the bride's mether, Mrs. Frances L. Noble, 214 South Stiest, Brooklyn, by the Rev. Henry A. Powell, Mary Day Noble to James Monroe Latimer, both of Brooklyh. DIED.

AVERILL—On Saturday, December 29, 1888, at the residence of her son-in-law. Thomas Hooker, No. 14 West 130th-st, New-York City, Margaret, widow of Augustin Averill, aged 76 years. ral services at the house on Wednesday, January 2, 1889,

BARNETT—At Newark, N. J., on Saturday, December 29, Elliza Barnett, in the Slat year of her age, Puneral services at her late residence, 25 g Garaida at, Newark, N. J., on Tuesday, January I, at 10 o'clock a.m.

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BISHOP—On Saturday, December 29, Florence Catharine
Wolfe Bishop, daughter of David Wolfe and Florence Van
Cortland Field Bishop, aged 2's years.

DOREMUS—At Paterson, N. J., December 29, 1888, Aaron
V. H. Doremus.
Funeral services on Wednesday, January 2, 1889, at 1:30 p. m.,
from his late residence, 291 Van Houten-st.
Interment at convenience of family.
FOLGER—Suddenly, at Saranac Lake, Adirondacka, on Sugday, December 30, 1888, Jane Gatakill Foiger, cides t daughter of the late Charles J. Foiger.
Notice of funeral hereafter.
GODDARD. At Colorado Springs, Colorado, on December 38.

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Funeral services will be field at the Baptist Church, Stamford, on Monday, December 31, at 2:30 o'clock.
Carriages will be in waiting on arrival of the express train leaving New-York at 1 o'clock, to which a special car will be attached.

HULL-Suddenly, in this city, on December 23, 1833, Anna Randolph, wife of Chas. Wager Hull.

Funceral will take place from 8t. James Church. Madison.erc. and Tist.st., on Monday, the 31st inst., at 10 a.m.

Please onlt flowers.

Please omit nowers.

KENT—In Brooklyn, N. Y., on Saturday morning, December 29, after a long tilness, Agnes Louise, youngest daughter of Rev. Robt. J. and Mamie E. Kent, aged 3 years, 2 months and 15 days.

Funeral services at the residence of her parents, 512a Monrossi, on Monday, December 31, at 10 s. m.

Interment at the convenience of the family Please omit flowers.

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MILLER—At Brocklyn, December 29, Ann Kip, widow of the late Rev. John E. Miller, of Tempkinsville, Staten Island.

Relatives and friends invited to attend the funeral services at 4 p. m., Monday, 31st inst., from the residence, of her son, J. Ernest Miller, 73 Schermerhorn at.

Interment private.

NATHAN—On Sunday, December 30, Robert Weeks Nathan, in the 58th year of his ago.

Friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, 1,213 Park ave., on Tucaday, January 1, at 10 a. m.

Please send no howers.

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TIEMANN—On Saturday, December 29, Karl H., youngest son of Julius W. and Marie A. Tiemann.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services from 125 West 436-45, on Monday, 31st inst., at 4 p. m.

Interment at convenience of the family.

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